

### Acknowledgment of Reply Brief

The reply brief filed 2/26/2009 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

### Supplemental Examiner's Answer

Responsive to the Reply Brief on 2/26/2009, a supplemental Examiner's Answer is set forth below:

As stated in the Examiner's Answer on 12/26/2008, Applicant has claimed a method that does not use the signal from a camshaft sensor.

Morikawa implements the method with the signal from the camshaft sensor and as clearly stated on Col. 37, Lines 29-36.

**"When no cylinder determining pulse is inputted between the last** and current inputs of crank pulses and between the crank pulse input before last and the last crank pulse input, **it can be determined that the currently inputted crank pulse is the crank pulse .theta.3** and the next inputted crank pulse is the crank pulse .theta.1 ."

Thus, Morikawa implements the method without the **camshaft information**, since 'input' is defined as "the current or voltage applied to an electric or electronic circuit or device" or "data to be entered into a computer for processing."

Clearly consistent with Applicant's specification, it states on page 5 that "The present invention proposes a method of starting the engine **without** the **"information provided by the cam sensor."**

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Applicant simply elides over Applicant's own specification and what is reasonably taught by Morikawa.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

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